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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

#### **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

#### **Opposer Information**

Name	Professor Connor's, Inc., DBA FreshPet
Granted to Date of previous extension	12/14/2011
Address	400 Plaza Drive, 1st Floor Secaucus, NJ 07904 UNITED STATES

Attorney information	CHERYL L. BURBACH HOVEY WILLIAMS LLP 10801 MASTIN BOULEVARD, SUITE 1000 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210
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#### **Applicant Information**

Application No	85259382	Publication date	08/16/2011
Opposition Filing Date	12/14/2011	Opposition Period Ends	12/14/2011
Applicant	Green Life Development Inc. Suite C 5112 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146 UNITED STATES		

#### Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 003. First Use: 2009/06/25 First Use In Commerce: 2009/06/25

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Environmentally friendly deodorizers for

pets

#### **Grounds for Opposition**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
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#### Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	3383087	Application Date	01/31/2006
Registration Date	02/12/2008	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FRESHPET		

Design Mark	Freshpet
Description of Mark	The mark consists of FRESHPET and logo.
Goods/Services	Class 031. First use: First Use: 2006/01/00 First Use In Commerce: 2006/01/00 Pet food

U.S. Registration No.	4028462	Application Date	02/17/2011
Registration Date	09/20/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	FRESHPET		
Design Mark	FRESHPET		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 031. First use: First Use: 2006/01/00 First Use In Commerce: 2006/01/00 pet food		

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Signature	/Cheryl L. Burbach/
Name	Cheryl L. Burbach
Date	12/14/2011

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Professor Connor's, Inc. d/b/a	)
FreshPet	)
Opposer,	)
v.	) Opposition No
Green Life Development, Inc. Applicant.	) ) )

#### **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

In the matter of Application Serial No. 85259382, filed March 7, 2011, in the name of Green Life Development, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant"), published for opposition in the Trademark *Official Gazette* of August 16, 2011, for the mark GREEN PET FRESH, Professor Connor's, Inc. d/b/a FreshPet (hereinafter "Opposer") believes that it would be damaged by registration of the mark shown in said application and hereby opposes the same.

As grounds for opposition, it is alleged that:

#### **Parties**

- 1. Opposer, Professor Connor's Inc., d/b/a FreshPet, is a corporation organized under the State of Delaware having a principal place of business at 400 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, New Jersey 07904.
- 2. Applicant, Green Life Development, Inc., is, on information and belief, is a Nevada corporation, with an address of Suite C 5112 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89146.

#### **COUNT I**

- 3. Since at least as early as January 2006, Opposer has been and is now engaged in the business of selling pet food. The mark FRESHPET, in word form and design form, has at all times been used on or with goods that are related to Opposer's goods.
- 4. Opposer owns two registered trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which consist of or include the FRESHPET mark:

TRADEMARK	CLASS: GOODS	REG. NUMBER REG. DATE
Freshpet	31: pet food	3383087 February 12, 2008
FRESHPET	31: pet food	4028462 September 20, 2011

- 5. As a result of Opposer's widespread use in interstate commerce of the Marks in connection with pet food, the Marks have become highly distinctive, have acquired extensive goodwill, and are well known and recognized by the relevant consuming public as identifying high quality goods, which have their origin with Opposer.
- 6. Opposer's Marks were in use prior to the acquisition of any rights Applicant may currently claim in his mark.
- 7. Notwithstanding Opposer's prior rights in and to the aforesaid distinctive Marks, on March 7, 2011, Applicant filed an application for registration of a mark consisting of the words GREEN PET FRESH, Application Serial No. 85259382, which was published for opposition, identifying the following goods: "environmentally friendly deodorizers for pets" in International Class 3.

8. Applicant's use and registration of its mark in connection with the proposed goods is likely to cause in the minds of the public confusion, mistake or deception as to the source of origin of Applicant's goods that would lead the public and prospective purchasers to believe that Applicant's goods are those of Opposer's and/or are provided by, sponsored by, approved by, licensed by, affiliated with Opposer, or are in some other way legitimately connected to Opposer

and/or its goods.

9. To allow registration of the mark GREEN PET FRESH for the goods identified in the opposed application to Applicant in view of the prior rights of Opposer would cause damage to Opposer and to the reputation and goodwill it enjoys in its Marks.

WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully requests that this opposition be sustained and Applicant's application to register the mark GREEN PET FRESH, Application Serial No. 85259382 be denied as filed and published, and Applicant adjudged not entitled to registration of his mark. If any additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this Notice of Opposition, it may be charged to Deposit Account 19-0522.

Respectfully Submitted,

Professor Connor's, Inc. dba FreshPet

By its Attorneys,

/s/ Cheryl L. Burbach
Cheryl L. Burbach
Matthew B. Walters
HOVEY WILLIAMS LLP
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Overland Park, KS 66210
Phone: 913-647-9050

Attorneys for Opposer

#### **CERTIFICATE OF FILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Opposition was filed electronically with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

/s/ Cheryl L. Burbach

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Opposition, which was filed electronically with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and was served upon the Applicant, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, at the following address:

Green Life Development, Inc. c/o David Levy (Correspondent of Record) 5112 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite C Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

/s/Cheryl L. Burbach

## Exhibit A

Int. Cl.: 31

46).

Prior U.S. Cls.: 1 and 46

#### United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 3,383,087 Registered Feb. 12, 2008

#### TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER



PROFESSOR CONNORS INC. (DELAWARE CORPORATION)
400 PLAZA DRIVE
SECAUCUS, NJ 07904

FOR: PET FOOD, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. 1 AND

FIRST USE 1-0-2006; IN COMMERCE 1-0-2006.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF FRESHPET AND LOGO.

SN 78-803,099, FILED 1-31-2006.

MICHELLE DUBOIS, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



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**Word Mark** 

**FRESHPET** 

Goods and

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IC 031. US 001 046. G & S: Pet food. FIRST USE: 20060100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20060100

**Mark Drawing** 

Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

**Design Search** 

Code

26.01.06 - Circles, semi; Semi-circles 26.01.21 - Circles that are totally or partially shaded.

26.05.13 - Triangles, exactly two triangles; Two triangles 26.05.21 - Triangles that are completely or partially shaded

26.05.25 - Triangles with one or more curved sides

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SHAPES-CIRCLE Circle figures or designs including semi-circles and incomplete circles SHAPES-TRIANGLES Triangular shaped designs and marks including incomplete triangles

**Serial Number** 

78803099

Filing Date

January 31, 2006

**Current Filing** 

**Basis** 

1A

**Original Filing** 

**Basis** 

**1B** 

**Published for** Opposition

August 29, 2006

Registration

3383087

Registration Date February 12, 2008

Owner

Number

(REGISTRANT) Professor Connors Inc. CORPORATION DELAWARE 400 Plaza Drive Secaucus NEW

**JERSEY 07904** 

**Assignment** Recorded

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Attorney of Record

Cheryl L. Burbach

**Description of** 

Mark

Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark. The mark consists of FRESHPET and logo.

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(words only): FRESHPET

Standard Character claim: No.

Current Status: Registered. The registration date is used to determine when post-registration maintenance

documents are due.

**Date of Status:** 2008-02-12

Filing Date: 2006-01-31

Filed as TEAS Plus Application: Yes

**Currently TEAS Plus Application:** Yes

Transformed into a National Application: No

Registration Date: 2008-02-12

Register: Principal

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Address:

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Professor Connors Inc. 400 Plaza Drive Secaucus, NJ 07904

**United States** 

Legal Entity Type: Corporation

State or Country of Incorporation: Delaware

#### **GOODS AND/OR SERVICES**

**International Class: 031** Class Status: Active

Pet food Basis: 1(a)

First Use Date: 2006-01-00

First Use in Commerce Date: 2006-01-00

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Color(s) Claimed: Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark.

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**26.01.21** - Circles that are totally or partially shaded.

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2011-02-17 - TEAS Revoke/Appoint Attorney Received

2008-02-12 - Registered - Principal Register

2008-01-05 - Law Office Registration Review Completed

2008-01-05 - Assigned To LIE

2007-11-19 - Allowed for Registration - Principal Register (SOU accepted)

2007-10-26 - Statement Of Use Processing Complete

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2007-10-26 - Extension 1 granted

2007-10-11 - Use Amendment Filed

2007-10-11 - Extension 1 filed

2007-10-17 - Assignment Of Ownership Not Updated Automatically

2007-10-11 - TEAS Extension Received

2007-10-11 - TEAS Statement of Use Received

2007-05-08 - NOA Mailed - SOU Required From Applicant

2007-04-12 - Attorney Revoked And/Or Appointed

2007-04-12 - TEAS Revoke/Appoint Attorney Received

2007-03-13 - Extension Of Time To Oppose Process - Terminated

2006-09-21 - Extension Of Time To Oppose Received

2006-08-29 - Published for opposition

2006-08-09 - Notice of publication

2006-07-06 - Law Office Publication Review Completed

2006-06-30 - Assigned To LIE

2006-06-23 - Approved For Pub - Principal Register

2006-06-19 - Assigned To Examiner

2006-02-07 - Notice Of Design Search Code Mailed

2006-02-06 - New Application Entered In Tram

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# Exhibit B

# United States of America United States Patent and Trademark Office

# FRESHPET

Reg. No. 4,028,462

PROFESSOR CONNOR'S, INC. (DELAWARE CORPORATION)

400 PLAZA DRIVE, 1ST FLOOR

Registered Sep. 20, 2011 SECAUCUS, NJ 07904

Int. Cl.: 31

FOR: PET FOOD, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. 1 AND 46).

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SER. NO. 85-245,285, FILED 2-17-2011.

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**Standard Characters** 

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**Mark Drawing Code** 

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Serial Number** 

85245285

**Filing Date** 

February 17, 2011

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July 5, 2011

**Registration Number** 

4028462

**Registration Date** 

September 20, 2011

Owner

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### **FRESHPET**

(words only): FRESHPET

Standard Character claim: Yes

Current Status: Registered. The registration date is used to determine when post-registration maintenance

documents are due.

**Date of Status: 2011-09-20** 

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#### GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

International Class: 031 Class Status: Active

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